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AMEMBASSY SOFIA IMMEDIATE

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SOFIA FOR DCM FELDMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: EXHIBIT OF TRACIAN ARTIFACTS

1. CHRISTINE ROUSSEL OF METROPOLITAN MUSEUM HAS RUN INTO STONE WALL HERE IN HER ATTEMPTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO TRACIAN EXHIBIT. DIRECTOR DABROWSKI OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, WHERE EXHIBIT WILL BE SHOWN HERE, SAYS THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR AMERICAN TEAM TO WORK WITH ARTIFACTS UNTIL AUGUST 30 AND THEN FOR ONLY FOUR DAYS. HE SAYS THAT FORMER BULGARIAN PRESS ATTACHE IVANOV WAS INFORMED OF THAT DECISION AND THAT HE IS "ASTONISHED" THAT THE AMERICAN TEAM IS IN WARSAW.

2. MRS. ROUSSEL WILL MEET WITH THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON AFTER THE ARTIFACTS AND THEIR BULGARIAN CUSTODIANS LAZON AND BOJABZYJEN ARRIVE. SHE WILL TRY TO PERSUADE POLISH MUSEUM AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT HER TEAM TO DO THEIR WORK SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLISH MUSEUM FUNCTIONARIES WHO WILL BE ARRANGING THE ARTIFACTS FOR SHOWING HERE. ALTHOUGH SHE ADMITS THAT THIS PROCEDURE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE POLISH MUSEUM, SHE SAYS THAT IT IS ENTIRELY FEASIBLE.

3. WE HAVE TALKED WITH THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR WHO SEEMS TO BE SINCERELY WILLING TO COOPERATE, BUT HIS EXTENSIVE CATALOGUING OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCEDURE AND HIS UNQUALIFIED ASSERTION THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PERMIT THE

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AMERICAN TEAM TO WORK FOR MORE THAN FOUR DAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 29

IS MOST UNPROMISING. HE IS VERY APOLOGETIC AND SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED IVANOV OF HIS VIEW ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

4. TIMING PROPOSED BY THE POLISH MUSEUM DIRECTOR IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO MRS. ROUSSEL WHO SAYS THAT SHE SIMPLY MUST CANCEL HER PLANS IF SHE CANNOT HAVE MORE TIME.

5. ACTION: AMEMB SOFIA. CAN YOU INFLUENCE BULGARIAN MUSEUM OFFICIALS DR. FOLS AND SANYA TZANEVA WITH WHOM MRS. ROUSSEL DEALT IN SOFIA TO INSTRUCT THEIR EMBASSY HERE TO PRESSURE THE POLES TO GIVE HER WHAT SHE WANTS? DEPARTMENT PLEASE INFORM BRAD KELLEHER AND KARL KATZ AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.  
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